

Commercial Pack Stock Permit Reissuance for the Sierra National Forest and Trail Management Plan for the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness

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Abstract: This Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) analyzes applications by seven existing commercial pack station Special Use Permit holders to reissue long term permits for a variety of commercial pack stock and related activities on the Sierra National Forest within the John Muir, Ansel Adams, Kaiser and Dinkey Lakes Wildernesses and in non-wilderness areas. Three alternatives are analyzed: Alternative 1 – No Action, Alternative 2 – Proposed Action and Alternative 3 – Destination Management. Alternative 1 proposes to not reissue Special Use Permits for commercial packing operations. Alternatives 2 and 3 both propose to reissue Special Use Permits, but each alternative proposes different mechanisms to meet desired resource and social conditions.

In addition, a Trail Management Plan for the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness is proposed and analyzed.